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Rennie Davis Tells Rally Plans

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Rennie Davis was in Providence last night to urge 300 students to join in a May Day anti-war rally in Washington that he believes will be "the first massive show of nonviolent disobedience by the peace movement." He invited the students to leave the bleachers and sit in a semi-circle around him, and most did. He promised prominent clergymen would not be just another show of the peace movement's numbers.

The objective, he said, will be to shut the government down and to force Congress to remain in continuous session until it does something to end the Indochina war.

The 30-year-old veteran activist, who is appealing his conviction for conspiring to riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, had a quiet but attentive audience at Alumni Hall on the Providence College campus. He was given a standing ovation at the close.

Mr. Davis was in town to promote the "People's peace treaty," a document proposing a peace condition that was agreed to in December in meetings between American and South Vietnamese students.

Presentation of the treaty to Congress will be a focus of demonstrations in the capital in late April and early May, he said. The committee promoting the treaty, as announced in a New York Times advertisement last Sunday, ranges from the far left to the middle of the road and includes the Most Rev. Bernard J. Kelly, auxiliary bishop of Providence.

Mr. Davis said a nationwide campaign to get signatures on the treaty will be held. Marches to Washington from such places as Kent State University will soon begin.

He cautioned against violence, the college, speaking without a microphone from the gym floor.

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He sitting in at the Justice Department, thousands of students will block expressways leading to the Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency at

Washington, D.C., and, as a highlight, the Congress will be surrounded by thousands, who will demand continuous session until action is taken.

Mr. Davis said 2,000 Federal government workers have signed

the peace treaty, and there is a

plan to have a general strike

of federal workers in Wash-

ington beginning May 3.

He said the next two months will be the most important in the Vietnam war, and may include use of nuclear weapons by

United States forces.

Mr. Davis said he based the nuclear possibility on a speech to an American peace delegation now in Paris by Xuan Thuy, Hanoi's chief negotiator at the peace talks. Mr. Thuy has been "conservative" in his predictions of war escalation before,

he said.

As to where Mr. Thuy got his information, he said the CIA admits readily that the Saigon administration is heavily infiltrated by Viet Cong agents.

He was accompanied to Providence by John Froines, another defendant in the Chicago Seven trial. Mr. Froines, who was found innocent at the trial, did not speak.

Mr. Davis passed up the platform and lectern provided by